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Title: Statement by the Minister regarding Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 142nd Report of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs on implementation of Central Scheme of Modernisation of Prison Administration, pertaining to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): On behalf of Shri Ajay Maken, I am laying this statement on the above subject in pursuance to rule 389 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha.

2 The Departmentally-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs constituted a Sub-Committee on Modernization of Prison Administration on 13th April 2007 to review the implementation of the Central Scheme of Modernisation of Prison Administration. As part of the examination of the subject matter, Sub-Committee visited the jails, in Delhi on 21st September 2007, Haryana and Punjab from 14th to 16th December 2007, Chhattisgarh and Orissa from 30th to 31st May 2008 and Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu from 1st to 3rd July 2008.

3. The Convenor of the Sub-Committee presented the draft report to the Chairperson of the DRPSC on Home Affairs for consideration. The Committee in its sitting held on 24th February 2009 considered and adopted the present Report. The 142nd Report of the Departmentally-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home was presented/laid in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha on 26th February 2009.

4. The Committee in its 142nd Report has made 26 recommendations/observations (Paragraph No. 4.41, 4.1.5, 4.1.6, 4.1.7, 4.2.2, 4.3.1, 4.4.2, 4.5.4, 4.6.2, 4.7.3, 4.8.4, 4.9.2, 4.10.2, 4.11, 4.12.1, 4.13.1, 4.14.1, 4.14.2, 4.15.1, 4.16.1, 4.17.2, 4.18.2, 4.19.1, 4.20.1, 4.21.1, 4.21.2) in respect of which the Ministry of Home Affairs was required to take action.

5. On the above mentioned recommendations/observations of the Committee, an Action Taken Note was sent to Rajya Sabha Secretariat on 22.7.2009. Since most of the recommendations were related to the States/UTs, they were requested for taking necessary action and furnishing compliance report on the recommendations. On the basis of compliance report received from the some of the States/UTs, the additional ATRs were sent to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on 19.4.2010, 5.7.2010 and 30.8.2010.

6. A detailed Statement showing the action taken/being taken with reference to the recommendations contained in various paragraphs of the 142nd Report of the Committee is attached.